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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Statistics relating to the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights

Note by the secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the secretariat for the information of the Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its fifty-seventh session.

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Annex

STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Meetings and parallel activities

	Number
Plenary meetings (total), including:	69
Evening and night meetings	16
Closed meetings	2
Meetings of working groups of the Commission	3
Meetings of national institutions	4
Bureau meetings (in-session)	21
Parallel activities (total), including:	673
Consultations held by Governments	286
Meetings organized by NGOs	189
Meetings organized by DPI and OHCHR	59
Meetings organized by Regional Groups	136
Chair's consultations with NGOs	3

B. Documentation

A total of 525 documents (6,473 pages[a]) were issued for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. These documents are divided into the following categories:

Documents issued for the Commission	Number	Pages[a]
Pre-session	182	3 614
In-session (total), including:	340	2 275
General distribution	36	294
NGO[b]	157	622
Limited distribution:		
Draft resolutions, decisions and amendments	108	513
Draft report	27	529
Miscellaneous	12	317
Post-session (report of the Commission)	3	584
Total	525	6 473

[a] English version.
[b] NGO documents were issued in English, French and Spanish only.

C. Participants

1. Total

	Number of delegations	Number of participants
Members of the Commission	53	664
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	89	543
Other observers	1	6
Non-member States represented by observers	2	21
United Nations	5	7
United Nations bodies	13	39
Specialized agencies	9	67
Intergovernmental organizations	10	48
Other entities	3	39
National human rights institutions	23	53
Non-governmental organizations (total), including:	224	1 760
NGOs in general consultative status	32	282
NGOs in special consultative status	146	1 170
NGOs on the Roster	46	308
Total	432	3 247

2. Participation of women

	Number of participants	Number of women	Percentage
Members of the Commission	664	237	37.7
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	543	152	28.0
Other observers	6	0	0
Non-member States represented by observers	21	5	23.8

	Number of participants	Number of women	Percentage
United Nations	7	3	42.9
United Nations bodies	39	13	33.3
Specialized agencies	67	32	47.8
Intergovernmental organizations	48	13	27.1
Other entities	39	18	46.1
National human rights institutions	53	11	20.7
Dignitaries	65	8	12.3
Special rapporteurs/special representatives/ independent experts	32	9	28.1
Chairpersons of working groups	11	3	27.3
Non-governmental organizations (total), including:	1 760	791 119	44.9
NGOs in general consultative status	282	543	42.2
NGOs in special consultative status	1 170	129	46.4
NGOs on the Roster	308		41.9
Total	3 355	1 295	38.6[a]

[a] Average percentage.

D. Use of time during plenary meetings

1. Total

Total conference time used	172h 45m
Total conference time lost	19h 12m
Due to late starting	9h 31m
Due to early ending	8h 22m
Due to interruptions	1h 18m

Six hours and seven minutes of the total time was used for the 21st and 22nd meetings, which were closed meetings; five hours were used by working groups of the Commission; one hour was used for briefing for the World Conference.

2. By type of intervention

A total of 1,744 interventions were made during the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. This total comprises interventions made during plenary meetings and in the voting process, rights of reply and points of order. These interventions are broken down as follows:

Delegation/speaker (during general debate and voting process)	Number	Time	Average
Members	730	61h 52m 06s	5m 05s
Observer States	297	21h 17m 24s	4m 30s
Other observers	5	21m	4m 15s
Non-member States	15	34m	2m 16s
Intergovernmental organizations	4	34m	8m 30s
National Institutions	23	2h 32m	6m 36s
United Nations and specialized agencies	31	1h 48m	3m 35s
Non-governmental organizations	440	40h 38m	5m 34s
High Commissioner	7	1h 07m	9m 34s
Chairperson's statements	4	59m	14m 39s
Special rapporteurs	31	4h 05m	7m 54s
Independent experts	9	2h 04m	13m 49s
Chairpersons of working groups	13	1h	4m 35s
Other[a]	3	41m	13m 49s
Total	1 613	155h 51m 09s	5m 48s

[a] Two interventions were made by the Chairperson of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission and one by the Rapporteur of the Commission.

Rights of reply	Number	Time	Average
Member States	45	1h 50m 12s	2m 25s
Observer States	62	2h 50m 25s	2m 44s
Total	107	4h 40m 37s	2m 37s

Points of order	Number	Time	Average
Member States	22	22m 30s	1m 01s
Observers	2	38s	19s
Total	24	23m 08s	57s

In addition, 18 hours and 47 minutes were used by the Chair and the secretariat for organizational matters, including conduct of business and announcements.

3. Dignitaries' interventions

Sixty-five dignitaries addressed the Commission on Human Rights during its fifty-sixth session. Their interventions are categorized as follows:

By delegation	Total number	Number of women	Time
Members of the Commission	30	3	6h 51m 41s
Observer States	28	2	4h 53m 38s
Non-member States	1	1	13m 00s
Intergovernmental organizations	4	1	54m 16s
Secretary-General	1	0	11m 49s
High Commissioner for Refugees	1	1	11m 29s
Total	65	8	13h 14m 53s

4. Statements per regional group*

Regional groups	Number of statements	Percentage of all statements
Group of African States	80	15.1
Group of Asian States	165	31.2
Group of Eastern European States	41	7.8
Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	137	25.9
Group of Western European and Other States	106	20.0
Total	529	100

* Only those made by members of the Commission have been taken into account.

E. Voting

1. Time

A total of 32 hours and 3 minutes were spent on the voting, which took place at 11 regular meetings and 2 additional meetings.

2. Results

	Resolutions[a]	Decisions	Total
Adopted without a vote	62	13	75
Adopted by a roll-call vote	23	0	23
Adopted by show of hands	2	0	2
Total	87	13	100

[a] A motion of no action was carried with respect to one draft resolution, by a roll-call vote.